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DELAYED.

It is not necessary to state that this issue of the EVANGELIST is at least two days late. Our readers learned this before seeing this editorial. It may however not be out of place to state the reason for this delay. Just at a time when a large amount of press work had accumulated our pressman left without an hour's warning. Some of the presswork being very critical, it was difficult to secure some one who would fill the vacancy. After two weeks' delay, we secured a man from Akron, Ohio, who could remain but three days. The result of this disappointment has been as follows,—

1. The EVANGELIST is two days late, but no number missed, neither will there be. The next number is likely to be a day late, after which we hope to be up to date again.

2. One number of *Cheering Words* dropped out altogether. It was impossible for us to get it ready in time for the day when it was needed.

3. For Sunday September 29, we supplied papers from Chicago and New York instead of our regular Sunday-school paper, *Cheering Words*. This cost us at least \$3 to \$4 more than if we would have printed our own paper. The papers sent out are all first class, and we hope will give satisfaction.

4. Our *Little Folks* papers for September have all been sent out for sometime, but a few numbers were sent too late to be given out the Sabbath before the one for which they were intended, but not too late for use in class. We are now mailing *Our Little Folks* for the month of October, all at one time. They will reach all our schools in time for Sabbath, Oct. 6, after which we hope to be regular again with all our papers. Kindly bear with us for this delay; it was entirely unavoidable.

TIME is lent us to be laid out in God's service to His honor; and we cannot be too diligent in it, if we consider that time is precious, short, passing, uncertain, irrevocable when gone, and that for which we must be accountable.

SEASONS FOR REVIVAL WORK.

Personally we do not think that there should be any special seasons for revival work. The season begins January 1, and ends with the year. But among our people there seem to be certain seasons of the year when *special* efforts are made to revive the churches and harvest souls for Jesus. Our observation and experience have taught us that from October 1, to April 1, there are reported not less than three times the number of conversions than during the other six months of the year. Why this is so, we cannot say, but we know that such is the case. The beginning of this revival season is upon us, and we urge upon our people everywhere to make special efforts, not only to convert souls, but to increase spirituality in our churches. Let there be a general awakening all along the line. Let this be a memorable year in the history of the Brethren church—memorable because of the increased spirituality among our people the larger faith and purer love that should characterize believers in Jesus, memorable because of the many souls brought into vital union with Jesus, memorable because of the work done by the Young People, the Sunday-school, the S. S. C. E., and every other organization in the church. Let there be one united effort in behalf of the cause of the blessed Master, in rescuing lost souls from sin and perdition, in placing all the institutions of the church on a firm financial basis. Then shall the close of the year bring joy, peace and gladness to our hearts and souls.

A SPECIAL OFFER.

We believe our people are interested in any plan or scheme that will, in a legitimate way, enlarge the circulation of the EVANGELIST and therefore increase its usefulness. It is with this faith that we make the following special offer to our readers. Any one desiring to send the paper from October 1 to the end of the year, 1895, and pay for it himself, can do so by remitting us the *small sum of 25 cents*. Why should not 400 readers of the EVANGELIST avail themselves of this opportunity? The one condition of this offer is that you pay for the paper to be sent to some one who is not now a reader of it. Send us 25 cents with the name and address of the person to whom you wish the paper sent, and will see that the paper is sent regularly to the end of the year. This is a very liberal offer and should add at

least 500 names to the list. Have you not some friend who should read the the EVANGELIST? You send 25 cents, we will do the rest. Or do you prefer to have the paper sent direct to you, with a view of giving it away? We will send you five papers for \$1.25. If you wish to have the paper sent to ten of your friends, remit us \$2.50 and we will mail it to ten different persons whom you may designate. *Cash* must accompany the order. Now, brethren, who will be the first to send 25 cents? Let pastors make the announcement from the pulpit, and if there are five, ten, fifteen or more, who wish to pay 25 cents each, the whole amount can be remitted at once, and thus save expense of several remittances. We consider this a liberal offer and trust our people will take the advantage of it, and largely increase the subscription list of the EVANGELIST.

DEATH OF MRS. RENCH.

We deeply sympathize with our dear Brother Rench in the death of his beloved companion. Brother Rench has had his full share of sorrow and trouble during the last few years. A little more than a year ago, he lost a sweet little girl. Last Spring his boy received a wound which bid fair to make him a cripple for life. From this, however the boy has recovered. Now, comes the severest stroke, of all—the loss of his wife. Brother Rench has the sympathy of the entire brotherhood. We commend him to the God of all comfort—the God under whose government all things work together for good to them that love him.

A GREAT CHANCE TO MAKE MONEY.

I want to tell you of my wonderful success. Being a poor girl and needing money badly, I tried the Dish Washer business and have cleared over \$200 every month. It is more money than I ever had before and I can't help telling you about it, for I believe any person can do as well as I have if they will only try. Dish Washers sell on sight; every lady wants one. The Mound City Dish Washer Co., St. Louis, Mo., will give you all necessary instructions, so you can begin work at once. The Dish Washer does splendid work; you can wash and dry the dishes in two or three minutes without putting your hands in the water at all. Try this business and let us hear how you succeed.

ELIZABETH C.

BROTHER Jos. I. Hall reports one more accession by baptism, and thus the good work goes on.